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Applicant: **Fick et al.**
Serial No.: **09/839289**
Filed: **April 20, 2001**
Title: **SYNTHESIS & METHODS OF USE
OF TETRAHYDROINDOLONE
ANALOGUES & DERIVATIVES**

Examiner: **S. Patel**
Group Art Unit: **1624**
Atty Docket No.: **370143.66**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, applicants respond as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-35.

Please add the following claim:

a' 36. A tetrahydroindolone derivative comprising 4-[3-(4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindolon-1-yl)propionylamino} benzoic acid ethyl ester or 4-[3-(4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindolon-1-yl)propionylamino} benzoic acid.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason direct communication with Applicant's attorney would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

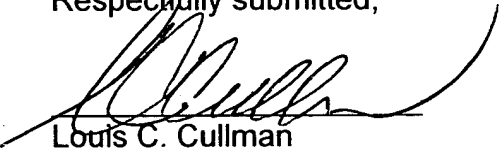
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Respectfully submitted,

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